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SUBJECT: REACTION TO INVESTIGATING COMMISSION'S REPORT

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 2026

1. TIEMPO OF MAY 16 DEVOTED SIX PAGES OF COVERAGE TO THE INVESTIGATING COMMISSION'S REPORT. ON ITS FRONT PAGE THE PAPER ASKED, "WHY DIDN'T THE COMMISSION QUESTION JOHNSON AND TAYLOR (UB EXECUTIVES)4), DIRECT ACTORS IN THE CASE?" LOPEZ' SITUATION WAS DESCRIBED AS "CLOUDY". FOLLOWING THE COMMISSION'S BROADCAST, BENNATON TOLD TIEMPO REPORTERS THAT HE WOULD ANALYZE THE COMMISSIONS'S REPORT. HE SAID THAT THE COMMISSION HAD LEFT HONDURAS WITH ITS DECISION ALREADY MADE. COULD HAVE TRANSFERRED MONEY INTO HIS ACCOUNT. HE REPEATED HIS NOW FAMILIAR DEFENSE THAT THE WHOLE EPISODE WAS A POLITICAL MANEUVER BY UNITED BRANDS. BENNATON ALSO DENIED, AS HE HAD TO THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE, THAT HE HAD A SWISS BANK ACCOUNT.

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2. TIEMPO'S LEAD EDITORIAL CALLED FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THE GOH/UB CONTRACTS AND THE CREATION OF A NEW RELATION, NOT ONLY WITH UB, BUT ALL FOREIGN COMPANIES, UNDER WHICH HONDURAS CAN HAVE A PROPERLY REGULATED AND CONTROLLED SYSTEM FOR THE PRODUCTIVE USE OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT.

3. LA PRENSA OF MAY 16 ALSO CARRIED THE TEXT OF THE COMMISSION'S REPORT AND BENNATON'S DENIAL BUT WITHHELD EDITORIAL COMMENT. EL CRONISTA ALSO CARRIED THE REPORT WITHOUT PRESENTING EDITORIAL VIEWS.  
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